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## Community shapes Brightwater design

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<b>Summer 2002</b>	<b>Community Design Guidelines developed</b> At two workshops, community members developed guidelines for architects to use in designing the plant.
<b>December, 2002</b>	<b>Comments on Draft Environmental Impact Statement</b> Community members received information in the mail and could comment in writing, on the Web or at one of four public meetings.
<b>Summer 2003</b>	<b>Technical Seminars</b> People asked for more details, so a series of daylong meetings helped people to learn more about several topics. Architects discussed the preliminary treatment plant designs in detail, shared a model of the plant, and distributed a design survey to participants.
<b>December 2003</b>	<b>Decision to site Brightwater at Route 9</b> Regional leaders shared the architectural model of the preliminary designs with community members and the news media.
<b>Spring 2004</b>	<b>Model available for viewing</b> The model was displayed at Woodinville City Hall. People were invited to comment on several issues in a design survey.
	<b>Design video and Web page</b> A video of a designer discussing the preliminary designs for the plant was available online and on videotape. A Web page was developed so people could learn about and comment on the design online.
	<b>Newsletter feature</b> The spring 2004 Brightwater Newsletter provided information about the preliminary design and a mail-back comment card.
<b>Summer 2004</b>	<b>Design review</b> People can review and comment on the design refinements before designs are completed for building permit applications.

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### Design update

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The design guidelines developed with the community include:

1. Use innovative landscape and site design to minimize visual impact of plant structures.
2. Use engineering solutions for issues such as odor, noise, and safety as opportunities for aesthetic enhancement.
3. Design facility architecture and site improvements to enhance the area's rural and natural character and historical context.
4. Further the protection and understanding of natural systems on or near the site through enhancement and interpretation.
5. Use environmentally friendly plant and site design solutions.
6. Design facilities to support community uses on the site.
7. Protect and support signature activities of the area.
8. Integrate art into community experience of the site.
9. Control light leaving the site to preserve dark skies at night.
10. Protect and enhance quality of life and public health for the community.

We have shared preliminary designs with the public and we will continue to show you how those have been refined as the work continues. For those of you who have been following this process closely, these designs may look a little different. We've been listening and have made changes to improve operations, access to public spaces, and screening along SR-9.

We are committed to meeting the design guidelines set by the community. We are planning the facilities needed to ensure no odors leave the site. We have added a series of landforms in the foreground landscape that will screen views along SR-9. These landforms will be crossed by trails and waterways that are part of the stormwater treatment system. We have completed designs for the open space at the north end of the site, which includes streams and wildlife habitat. We are continuing to develop ideas for a proposed community and education center on the site. The public will have opportunities to comment on designs this summer.

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